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NextGen Waterbury Public Meeting Minutes **Green Mountain Transit**

Tuesday May 15th, 2018 - 6:00 PM
Waterbury Municipal Center, 28 North Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05676 United State

Staff: Jon Moore, GMT Director of Maintenance & Planning; Rachel Kennedy, GMT Senior Transit Planner

Partners: Daniel Currier, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

Members of the Public: Olivia Thompson, Sarah Loye, Alan Aitken, Carol Johnson Collins, Ann Howard

The meeting opened at 6:05PM

Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Presentation**
 - What is NextGen?
 - Recommended Changes by Service Area and Type
 - Route Level Changes:
 - Commuter Routes
 - Capital District
 - Mad River Valley – Seasonal Service
 - Lamoille
- **Discussion Session**

Discussion:

Time Points: There was support for the existing GMT service levels. Concern that any changes to service ensure that there is a connection between the Route 100 Commuter and LINK schedules. Requests that service be expanded to Saturday – this is a frequent request for GMT, and is being looked into for Phase 2 of NextGen (service enhancements)

Bike Friendliness: There was discussion of how GMT can be more bike friendly. The two bike limit is a burden for multi-modal commuters. Additionally, some concerns were raised that with bike handles becoming larger sometimes it was a challenge to fit two bikes. Suggestions to add a space for hanging bikes at the back of the bus.

System: Comments that the bus guide is confusing. Comments that the Waterbury P&R is poorly situated. Suggestions for marketing the public meetings better, as well as GMT more broadly.

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Submitted Comments

Comment 1:

*"Would like better sync with Rte 100 Commuter.
286 Waterbury/Burlington arrive preferred times: (UVM Med Ctr.) 8 and 8:30
Burlington/Waterbury arrive at P&R 5:30 and 6:00"*

Comment 2:

"Please keep 1:20PM DTC BTV/Montpelier"

Comment 3:

"Suggested Times

Ride Arrival Waterbury

- 1.) 6:15AM*
- 2.) 7:00AM*
- 3.) 7:55AM*
- 4.) 8:15AM*

Feedback – Need to have arrival times to be close to one another for bike riders, and access to bike racks when they are full

Ride Departure Afternoon

Burlington/Waterbury

DTC

- 1.) 4:45PM*
- 2.) 5:20PM*
- 3.) 6:15PM"*

Comment 4:

"Marketing suggestion –

Place fun, attractive visual graphics/pie charts???, on bus billboard sections (inside & out) showcasing how people can save and cut commuting costs – Americans are too hooked on convenience and need to be influenced to be more convinced to compromise and \$\$\$ savings. Might get their ear more effectively."

Comment 5:

"Suggestions

LINK Route preferences:

Waterbury to Burlington LINK

Ideal arrival times at UVM med center

(For shift work)

- 0700 (86 to keep serving Waterbury)*
- 0730 (286) (Link to Route 100 Commuter)*
- 0830 (286) (Link to Route 100 Commuter)*
- 0900 (86 to keep serving Waterbury)*

Burlington to Waterbury LINK

Ideal departure times from UVM med center

- 1600 (86 to keep serving Waterbury)*
- 1630 (86 to keep serving Waterbury)*
- 1700 (286) (Link to Route 100 Commuter)*
- 1730 (286) (Link to Route 100 Commuter)*
- 1830 (86 to keep serving Waterbury)*

Please keep mid-day (1330) route (286)"